

The **Beaver City Council** met in a **special session** at **7:10 p.m.** in the Beaver City Center on Tuesday, **November 15, 2016**. The following members of the Council were present: Mayor Craig Wright, Council Members Connie Fails, Tyler Schena, Chad McWilliams, and Robin Bradshaw. Also present were City Manager Jason Brown, City Recorder Anona Yardley, and City Treasurer Paul Barton. Employees Sharm Lopshire, and Paula Fails were also present. Council Member Robinson entered the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

2017 HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL PLANS

The health insurance employees contribution options presented to the council at the retreat have been modified after the employee meeting this morning. The employees elected to stay on the plan we are currently on. Treasurer Barton made some adjustments to the employee portion of contribution as a second option. Discussion continued on the pros and cons of each plan. The alternative plan adds 1% to the employee relieving the city of 1% of the 7.5% premium increase. Council Member Robinson moved and Council Member Schena seconded to accept the Blue plan with the employee paying 11% of the premium and the city paying 89% and the employees matching the \$2,000 city contribution to the Health Savings Plan. Council Member Robinson asked for clarification on the employee contribution to the Plan. The clarification was that each employee receiving a health savings contribution would be required to match the city's \$2000 contribution. Employees could do that by using any of their leave time or comp time or by making a pre-tax withdrawal from each paycheck. Each insurance renewal period will be evaluated to determine the best solution for Beaver City. The mayor asked for a vote. All voted in favor. None opposed. These rates will go into effect with the next payroll with a December 1, 2016 renewal date.

ELECTRIC RATES INCREASE DISCUSSION

Council Members compared their own home and business power usage and bills to help determine the effect the proposed increase would have on citizens and businesses. Manager Brown explained how demand rates work. The consumer is in control of the demand in their commercial business and irrigation pumps. The question was asked if the city would have small increases every year or one large increase a few years in the future. The spread sheet prepared by City staff of four different options for electric increase was presented and discussed. Costs for the recent electrical projects were presented as well as the future electrical projects that are needed. The long term debt bonds for the electric department were also discussed. The base rate significance was emphasized because of the cost of providing power to all consumers. If there is an increase in power rates, all the rates should increase because everyone uses power. The public hearing on this matter is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Council Member Robinson moved and Council Schena seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next Council meeting will be held Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
CRAIG WRIGHT
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
ANONA S. YARDLEY
CITY RECORDER